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On Saturday August 7th, 1926. Received instructions from Mr.

Palzer to investigate information contained by a man who gives the name of Sam T. Barnum of 72 University Place, Old Farms Hotel, telephone number 10163 Stuyvesant. Proceeded to that address arrived there at about 6:15 P.M. The place is an old fashioned brick house with a saloon on the ground floor. I observed a furnished room sign on the door as soon as I entered. I asked for Mr. Barnum and was approached by a man of about 5 ft. 7 in. in height and in his forty's. From my first observation he appeared to be a general handy man around the place. He asked me if I was the man with the eyeglasses that Mr. Pheiffer said would call to see him. He then invited me to his room on the top floor of

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the said address and I received the following statement from him. That he had made repeated efforts to locate Mr. Pheiffer but had some difficulty because he could not spell the name right, and that the information he had was concerning the Halls-Mills Case, and it was his belief that the said information might clear the case up and will certainly exonerate Mrs. Hall. That a friend of his had told him to get in touch with Mrs. Hall's attorney and inform him (Pheiffer) that a young girl about 16 years of age, who was arrested at the first trial for perjury made an affidavit about 3 weeks ago which is now in possession of a man by the name of Salsbury who conducts a hotel in Saratoga, N.Y., wherein this girl states that her reason for lying at the first trial was to save her sweetheart and that she went as far as to accuse her own father so as to save this man, but that now she has decided to tell the entire truth and in this affidavit she states that she was present at the time the killing was done and that this man ran away. When I questioned Mr. Barnum as to how he came to get possession of this information he was a bit reluctant at first but finally said he received same from Captain H.R.A. West, a man of good reputation and a horse owner and he mentioned something about this man being friendly with the Morgans. That this man West would have turned the information over to Mr. Pheiffer himself but feared that Pheiffer might think he was trying to blackmail and for this reason he advised (Barnum) to get in touch with Pheiffer. Barnum informed me that he is an old horse **trainer**, and when in his room I observed a lantern such as used by railroad conductors and an initial "W" on one of the trunks in his room. I also notice that they called him by his first name Sam which indicated that he is well known there. I then asked him for Salsbury's exact address and after making some search about his room he could not locate same and he then requested that I accompany him to the Van Rensselaer Hotel, where he secured Salsbury's

full name and address, namely, Claude Salsbury, 58 Washington Street, Saratoga, N.Y. Mr. Barnum said that the information he secured was all heresay and that he had not seen this girl or the affidavit. I then asked him to make some sbrt of arrangement whereby I could interview Mr. West, he told me that I could try at about ten oclock that night. I got in touch with Mr. Barnum at 10 P.M., and he informed me that Mr. West is not in the city but somewhere on Long Island and to make arrangements for the following day which would be Sunday. He (Barnum) again told me that he could not locate Mr. West. I became suspicious and called the hotel on the telephone and they informed me that Mr. West had left the week before and was not there. I then got in touch with Mr. Barnum at about 10 P.M. on August 8th, and he requested that I come down at once t and that Mr. West was there and he would be willing to talk to me. I arrived there at about 10:20 P.M., and after having some refreshments in the saloon which is owned by a Mr. Wm. Pause for the past 30 or 35 years I then left the premises and went to a restaurant on 14th Street and received the following information from Mr. West that he (West) is not an American, that he raced Irish horses in this country, and that he is acquainted with Mr. Salsbury through his racing interests, that occasionally Mr. Salsbury would take care of Mr. West's betting and would advise Mr. West when he had a good thing to bet on. That he saw this affidavit that Mr. Salsbury secured from this girl whose name is Pearl Bahmer and in the affidavit she tells of being arrested the first time and that she lied and committed perjury to save this fellow Schneider, how she cast reflections on her own father and further that now she is willing to tell the entire truth and that she was present at the time of the shooting, ans that this fellow Schneider ran away, and of course Mr. West tells me that it would be better for me not to get what he says but to go up and see Mr. Salsbury and to look at the affidavits for my-

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self, and see what they are worth, as there may be some truth to it or may not be, but West says, I feel there is something to her story, but as far as her morals is concerned I would say that they are none of the best. He further tells me that he had met this girl and that she is now about twenty years of age. Also that he feels that Mr. Salsbury could produce her if needed. At no time did he ask for any money or any compensation nor did I offer this man anything, I informed him that I would lay the entire matter before Mr. Pheiffer. Mr. West informed me that he was living at the Grand Hotel and had room 741.

On August 10th, 1926. Gave Mr. Pheiffer and Mr. Palzer a verbal report of my investigation.